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In re application of: **Stefan BEICHL et al.**
 Application No.: **10/540,203**
 Filed: **June 16, 2005 as national phase of International Application**
No. PCT/DE2003/003918, filed November 26, 2003
 For: **SEALING ARRANGEMENT**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (11 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- No fee for additional claims is required.
- A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

- Also transmitted herewith are:
 - Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 - Other: **One sheet of new drawings (1 page). Appendix A (1 page); and Appendix B (16 pages)**

- Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover:
 - Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
 - Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 - Other:

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
 - Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 - Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following: